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Candidate for Mayor

First priority: Prevent Concord from ever getting a Bearcat. Sen. Coburn criticized the use of DHS funds to purchase a Keene Bearcat, saying that it was only used to guard the pumpkin festival. Ask the DHS to reject the application.

Answers to Monitor questions:

1. Are there homeless solutions? Yes. City officials have not adequately addressed the need for homes for the homeless.

2. Prisons? Building new prisons is a joke that must be stopped. There is no reason to ever have more than 300 prisoners in New Hampshire, a number that should be reduced to zero over the next 50 years. We have both the knowledge and the technology to do that today. Our habit of "inviting" 300 bikers to overstay their planned visit is inappropriate.

3. Use of the Employment Security building? Housing for the homeless.

4. Commerce during Main Street construction? Yes. Do one side at a time.

5. South Main Street development? This is clearly a planning department error. There is no reason to give out any building permits while there are buildings that need to be repaired and occupied.

6. Bigger library? No. The current library is completely adequate. Creative use of the Internet can be used to reduce the number of people physically visiting the library.

7. School budget? No, the school district is best continued completely independent from the city.

8. Downtown development bid? Reject it until there are competitive bids.

9. Penacook tannery? Develop manufacturing, particularly manufacturing of solar panels.

10. View from Interstate 93? Put up a tree fence so that it can not be seen. Drivers are supposed to watch the road, not look at the state house dome.

11. Keep bars open until 2 a.m.? No. Concord rolls up the sidewalks at 5 pm already, and there is no reason to have bars open until 2 am.

12. Taxes? Yes, Concord has enjoyed a stable tax rate, but lowering it is a priority. You lower the tax rate by bringing in manufacturing (increasing the tax base) and by reducing spending.